

April 2, 1962

First National City Bank
55 Wall Street
New York City, New York

Gentlemen:

This is an inquiry for your Historical Department.

I have acquired, for my collection, a box for the delivery of United States money from the Assistant Treasurer at New York in 1875. It is addressed to "Peter Lewis, First National Bank, No. 1 Exchange Place, New York".

Would you be nice enough to look in your archives and see whether the address of the First National Bank of New York was at that address at that time and what position Peter Lewis might have held in the bank. I will be grateful for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK

399 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

April 6, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

As one of those responsible for our business in Missouri, your letter of April 2 regarding Mr. Peter Lewis has been referred to me.

Unfortunately, a review of our records does not disclose any information about Peter Lewis, nor was the First National Bank located at 1 Exchange Place, New York.

However, the present address of the First National Bank of Jersey City, is 1 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey, and we felt that there may be some connection between that bank and the information you are seeking. Therefore, we have written to the First National Bank of Jersey City on your behalf and just as soon as we receive a reply from them we will, of course, pass the information on to you.

Delighted to be of help, and if there is anything further I can do, please let me know.

Sincerely,



John E. Porta
Assistant Cashier

April 10, 1962

Mr. John E. Porta
First National City Bank
399 Park Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Porta:

I must thank you for straightening me out with respect to Peter Lewis and the First National Bank of Jersey City.

I was not familiar with the address in New Jersey and erroneously assumed it was your bank.

I look forward to receiving a reply from the First National Bank of Jersey City, and thank you very much for your cooperation on this strange project.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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399 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

April 24, 1962

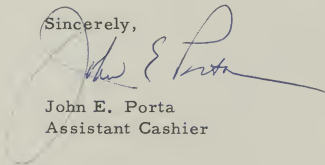
Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Further to my letter of April 6, we have been advised by the First National Bank in Jersey City that they have reviewed their records from 1864 through 1888 and they are unable to shed any light on the identity of Peter Lewis.

Sorry that we could not have a more positive answer for you, but if we can pursue this further by all means let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John E. Porta", is written over a large, faint circular stamp or watermark.

John E. Porta
Assistant Cashier

April 27, 1962

Mr. John E.Porta, Assistant Cashier
First National City Bank
399 Park Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr.Porta:

Thank you, very much, for following through with my request with respect to the First National Bank of Jersey City. Perhaps Peter Lewis was a customer.

If you could arrange to have a letter from the bank sent to me indicating that their address was One Exchange Place, that would be most helpful. They might mention the period from which they first occupied those premises.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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